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MAIL STOP RCE Urban Widlund Group Art Unit: 3761 Application No.: 09/194,700 Examiner: MICHELE M. KIDWELL Filing Date: March 4, 1999 Confirmation No.: 3507

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP RCE Customer Number 21839 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application and encloses the \(\subseteq \\$395 \omega \\$790 \) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). 1. \boxtimes Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments Α. not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed Other: 2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission: \boxtimes Amendment/Reply

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Information Disclosure Statement

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Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ______, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R.

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§ 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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8. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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